

Urine Drug Testing

2015 brought about many changes in billing for urine drug testing (UDS), DVHA would like to provide some clarification regarding our expectations for billing. To provide some consistency in billing, DVHA tries to follow Medicare guidance as close as possible. Medicare has made a preliminary determination, not to pay for the new 2015 CPT lab codes. Medicare had a concern regarding the potential for overpayment when billing for each individual drug test rather than a single code that pays the same amount regardless of the number of drugs that are being tested. DVHA shares the same concern; therefore, DVHA will follow Medicare guidance and maintain the 2014 Status quo for 2015 and recognize the created G codes to replace the 2014 CPT codes that are being deleted for 2015. For 2015 please use the G codes in the same manner in which the corresponding CPT codes for 2014 would be used. .

Please be advised, for some of the drugs of abuse testing codes, CPT did not delete the 2014 codes number, but revised the instructions or code descriptors in the 2015 CPT Manual. To bill for substances of abuse in 2015, DVHA is instructing providers to use the 2015 codes following the 2014 guidance.

All other policies remain, the expectation is;

- Providers will bill with the CPT or HCPCS that most accurately describes the test rendered.
- For Qualitative (screening) testing, the limitation is 8 tests per month per beneficiary for all qualitative testing CPT and HCPCS codes.
- For Quantitative (confirmation) testing, the 2014 CPT language is outdated for the automatic analyzers. If the provider is testing multiple analytes with an automatic analyzer and no manual manipulation is required to make a change in the stationary or mobile phase, DVHA recognizes this as one unit NOT multiple units.
- It is the expectation that a qualitative (screening) test will be done first, if the screening is positive a quantitative (confirmation) test can be ordered if medically necessary.
- If the substance of abuse is being prescribed, the provider must order the appropriate therapeutic level of the prescribed drug. Testing of other substance within the same drug class family needs to be considered for medical necessity and documented in the clinical record. It is not acceptable to use standing orders that reflex to a positive screening for a prescribed drug class family.

Medicare provides the following guidance that DVHA will adopt;

The procedure specific codes (chromatography, mass spectrometry, etc.) for drug analytes that are not specified elsewhere are in the Chemistry section of the 2014 CPT Manual. The 2015 CPT Manual has prefatory and parenthetical language that instructs providers to not use Chemistry section codes for drug screening tests (unless there is a specific 2 analyte code) and refers them to the new CPT codes that we decided not to pay for in 2015. In one group of 4 codes, the descriptors have been changed to “non-drug.” For 2015, use the instructions in the Drug Testing section and Chemistry section of the 2014 CPT Manual and ignore the 2015 prefatory and parenthetical language, as well as the change in descriptors for CPT codes 82541, 82542, 82543, & 82544, that prohibit the use of CPT codes in the Chemistry Section for testing for drugs

Please be advised the maximum allowed units of service have changed on the following lab codes:

Code	Max units	Effective Date
G6030	1	07/01/2015
G6031	2	07/01/2015
G6032	1	07/01/2015
G6034	1	07/01/2015
G6035	1	07/01/2015
G6036	1	07/01/2015
G6037	1	07/01/2015
G6038	2	07/01/2015
G6039	1	07/01/2015
G6040	1	07/01/2015
G6041	1	07/01/2015
G6042	1	07/01/2015
G6043	1	07/01/2015
G6044	1	07/01/2015
G6045	1	07/01/2015
G6046	1	07/01/2015
G6047	1	07/01/2015
G6048	1	07/01/2015
G6049	1	07/01/2015
G6050	1	07/01/2015
G6051	1	07/01/2015
G6052	1	07/01/2015
G6053	1	07/01/2015
G6054	1	07/01/2015
G6055	1	07/01/2015
G6056	3	07/01/2015
G6057	2	07/01/2015
G6058	10	07/01/2015

Test	2014 Code	2015 Code	Descriptor
Acetaminophen	82003	G6039	Acetaminophen
Alcohol(ethanol);any specimen except breath (including ethyl alcohol)	82055	G6040	Alcohol(ethanol);any specimen except breath
Alkaloids,urine, quantitative (including quantitative codiene)	82101	G6041	Alkaloids,urine, quantitative
Amitriptyline	80152	G6030	Amitriptyline
Amobarbital, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Amphetamine or methamphetamine	82145	G6042	Amphetamine or methamphetamine
Amphetamine or methamphetamine, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Barbiturates ,not elsewhere specified (including amobarbital)	82205	G6043	Barbiturates ,not elsewhere specified
Barbiturates, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Benzodiazepines	80154	G6031	Benzodiazepines
Carbon tetrachloride	84600	82441	Chlorinated hydrocarbons,screen
Cocaine or metabolite	82520	G6044	Cocaine or metabolite
Cocaine,qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Codeine,qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Desipramine	80160	G6032	Desipramine
Dichloroethane	84600	82441	Chlorinated hydrocarbons,screen
Dichloromethane	84600	82441	Chlorinated hydrocarbons,screen

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Dihydrocodeinone	82646	G6045	Oihydrocodeinone
Dihydrocodeinone, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Dihydromorphinone	82649	G6046	Oihydromorphinone
Dihydromorphinone, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Dihydrotestosterone	82651	G6047	Oihydrotestosterone
Dimethadione	82654	G6048	Oimethadione
Dimethadione, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Doxepin	80166	G6034	Ooxepin
Drug confirmation, each procedure	G6058	G6058	Drug confirmation, each procedure
Epiandrosterone	82666	G6049	Epiandrosterone
Ethchlorvynol	82690	G6050	Ethchlorvynol
Flurazepam	82742	G6051	Flurazepam
Flurazepam, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Gold	80172	G6035	Gold
Heroin	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Heroin screen	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Imipramine	80174	G6036	Imipramine
Isopropylalcohol	84600	84600	Volatiles (e.g., acetic anhydride, diethylether)
Marijuana	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Meprobamate	83805	G6052	Meprobamate
Meprobamate, qualitative analysis	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Methadone	83840	G6053	Methadone
Methanol	84600	84600	Volatiles (eg,acetic anhydride, diethylether)
Methodone, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Methsuximide	83858	G6054	Methsuximide
Nicotine	83887	G6055	Nicotine
Nortriptyline	80182	G6037	Nortriptyline
Oplate(s),drug and metabolites, each	83925	G6056	Oplate(s),drug and metabolites, each procedure

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procedure (including nalorphine)			
Phencyclidine (PCP), qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Phenothiazine (including chlorpromazine)	84022	G6057	Phenothiazine
Phenothiazine, qualitative	Follow 2014 CMS guidance including the use of G0431,G0434 and G6058 as appropriate		
Salicylates (including aspirin)	80196	G6038	Salicylate